

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **WHEELCHAIR CLEANING PROJECT – PENAL CODE COMPOUND**

Function Category: ☒ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☐ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Care of Patients**

Heading: **Programming**

Key Word(s): **Vocational Training**

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- Purpose:
1. To develop appropriate work related skills that will help patients re-enter the community (i.e. appropriate dress, grooming, working cooperatively with others, following directions, staying focused on work expectation, etc.).
 2. To explore occupational possibilities and expand personal knowledge base. In this setting, patients work under the supervision of Housekeeping and learn the proper utilization of steam cleaning equipment, procedure for proper sanitation of items (wheelchairs, IV stands, and other portal medical equipment) and safety procedures for use of steam cleaning equipment and disinfectant.
 3. Enhance self-esteem through successful completion of work and the realization that they can function successfully and earn wages.

Brief Description: Training is facilitated through the Housekeeping department, two times per week, two hours per shift. The housekeeping department retrieves items for sanitation from the SNF Program and delivers them to the penal code compound. The work crew is assembled and escorted to the work site where they unload the items from the housekeeping truck and sanitize them. When all items are clean, they are reloaded on the housekeeping truck and then housekeeping returns equipment to their proper locations.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☐ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☐ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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